

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Cricket Creek Farm Inventory Number: HO-480
Address: 6300 Guilford Road City: Clarksville Zip Code: 21209
County: Howard USGS Topographic Map: Clarksville
Owner: Linda and Wilbur Speer Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes
Tax Parcel Number: 89 Tax Map Number: 34 Tax Account ID Number: 357128
Project: Hoddinott Property Agency: Army Corps of Engineers & MDE
Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Inventory of Historic Places, 1978

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Building Descriptions

The property is located on the west side of Guilford Road, south of Route 32. A gravel drive leads to the dwelling, which is sited at the west end of the property, and mature trees partially line the north side of the drive. A creek running in a north-south direction cuts through the eastern portion of the property. Ten buildings, which generally are surrounded by paddocks, include a dwelling, a barn, a corn crib, a large metal building, an equipment storage building/garage, two large and small wood frame buildings, and three animal shelter buildings on 24.32 acres. A wood-board fence encloses the property. The property was surveyed from the adjacent Hoddinott property due to a lack of access to 6300 Guilford Road.

Dwelling

The ca. 1870 wood-frame building occupies a rectangular footprint and terminates in a side-gable roof sheathed in corrugated metal. Two chimneys are located on the building. An exterior gable-end brick chimney characterizes the east elevation and an off-center brick chimney is located on the ridge. The two-story dwelling is in clad wood siding and cedar shingles. Generally, the windows that are visible are six-over-six-light vinyl replacement units.

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Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: _____

Jonathan Sager
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services
Plumley
Reviewer, NR Program

12/15/08 Date
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Shutters define the window openings. A single-story, shed-roof addition is appended to the north elevation. The east elevation is partially obscured by trees and the south elevation is not visible; however, aerial photographs and visual observation suggest an addition and porch also were constructed on the south elevation.

The east elevation has two six-over-six-light vinyl windows that flank the chimney on the first floor, while the west elevation has one vinyl window box at the first floor and a six-over-six-light vinyl replacement window with vinyl fanlight above on the second floor. Three six-over-six-light vinyl replacement windows are found on the second floor of the north elevation.

The single-story addition on the north elevation terminates in a shed roof sheathed in metal panels and asphalt shingles. Cladding materials are cedar shingles on the east and west elevations and wood and what appears to be vinyl siding on the north elevation. A double-leaf sliding glass door is located on the east elevation and a door opening with storm door is found on the west elevation.

The building appears to have been altered since it was documented in a Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties form in 1978. The windows observed were replaced with vinyl replacement units, the north elevation addition was enclosed and enlarged; and an addition and porch appear to have been constructed on the south elevation.

Agricultural Outbuildings

Large Metal Building

A late-twentieth-century prefabricated metal building is located southeast of the dwelling. The building occupies a rectangular footprint and faces north. The building terminates in a side-gable roof sheathed in prefabricated metal; three metal ventilators pierce the roof ridge. Two sliding tract doors are centered on each the north and east elevations. Ten window openings with eight-over-eight-light, double-hung sash characterize the north elevation; the windows appear to be vinyl. Shutters flank the windows. A fanlight window is centered above the door on the east elevation. Aerial images of the building suggest windows also are located on the south elevation. The west elevation is not visible.

Barn

A twentieth-century barn is located north of the large metal building. The barn occupies a rectangular footprint and terminates in a gambrel roof sheathed in metal panels. Cladding materials could not be determined. Door openings characterize the north and south elevations, with the opening on the north elevation consisting of a sliding-tract door. A circular vent is found on the east elevation's gable end. Two additions were constructed. A single-story, shed-roof, wood-frame addition was constructed on the west elevation. A single-story, gable-roof, wood-frame protrusion extends from the southwest corner of the south elevation; aerial photographs suggest the protrusion is an addition.

Corn Crib

The nineteenth or twentieth-century wood-frame corn crib, which is located near the northwest corner of the large metal building, terminates in a front-gable roof sheathed in metal panels and is clad in vertical wood siding. The east and west elevations each contain one door opening. Visual observation suggests the door opening centered on the east elevation has been modified to accommodate a smaller door. The east elevation also contains a window opening in the gable end; the sash is no longer extant. A single-story wood-frame addition appears to have been constructed on the north elevation. A door is located on the addition's west elevation. The south elevation is not visible.

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Equipment Storage Building/Garage

A twentieth-century concrete-block equipment storage building/garage is located south of the dwelling. The building, which occupies a rectangular footprint, terminates in a side-gable roof sheathed in prefabricated metal panels. The east (front) elevation is partially obscured by trees; the number of bays could not be determined. Two openings consisting of one one-over-one-light, double-hung window and one opening, the sash of which is no longer extant, characterize the west elevation. Aerial photographs suggest a single-story addition was appended to the south elevation. The portion of the addition that extends from the southwest corner of the west elevation of the principal block is visible. The addition terminates in a shed roof. A large opening defines the addition's north elevation. The west elevation of the addition is blind, and the south elevation is not visible.

Small Animal Shelter

A twentieth-century, wood-frame, board-and-batten animal shelter sits perpendicular to the driveway and is located west of the creek. The building terminates in a shed roof sheathed in prefabricated metal panels.

Large Animal Shelter

A twentieth-century, wood-frame animal shelter is located west of the small animal shelter and sits parallel to the driveway. The building terminates in a gable roof sheathed in corrugated metal and is clad in vertical wood planks.

Small Wood-frame Building

A small, twentieth-century, wood-frame building is found north of the large metal building. The building terminates in a side-gable roof sheathed in corrugated metal and is clad in vertical wood planks. The north and east elevations are blind; the south and west elevations are not visible.

Large Wood-frame Building

A late-twentieth-century, wood-frame building is located southwest of the dwelling. The building terminates in a front-gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. Cladding materials are horizontal wood siding. Openings consist of a double-leaf door on the north elevation and two window openings flanked by shutters on the east elevation. The type of windows could not be determined. The west elevation is blind and the south elevation is not visible.

Animal Shelter

A twentieth-century, wood-frame animal shelter is located south of the dwelling and terminates in a shed roof sheathed in metal. Cladding materials appear to be board and batten. The north elevation is partially obstructed and the east, south, and west elevations are not visible.

Property History

The property, which currently comprises approximately 24 acres, originally was part of a 180-acre tract of land owned by Henry Welling, the great uncle to Arabella Watkins. In 1883, Arabella Watkins and J. Harwood Watkins, a court-appointed trustee, sold 123 acres of the 180-acre parcel to Bridget Cooney (Howard County Land Records Liber LJW 46/Folio 106). Property ownership changed hands a number of times after 1883 and before it was acquired by the current owners in 1995.

According to the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) form completed in 1978, the dwelling was constructed ca. 1840 (Thompson 1978). Archival research indicates a later construction date. A review of historic maps suggests the dwelling was constructed between 1860 and 1878. The dwelling does not appear on either the 1860 Martenet or the 1861 U.S. Army maps of Howard County (Martenet 1860; U.S. Army 1861). By 1878, a dwelling north of an unnamed creek is depicted on the Hopkins *Atlas of Howard County* in the vicinity of the subject property (Hopkins 1878). Kate Watkins is associated with the property.

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The earlier documentation also suggests the dwelling was connected with the locally prominent Welling and Watkins families. While the property was owned by the Welling and Watkins families for much of the nineteenth century, it is unlikely that the dwelling was the primary residence of either family. Census records suggest that Arabella Watkins was living with her husband Thomas G. Watkins in Savage in 1870, the period during which the dwelling likely was constructed. Thomas G. Watkins had died by 1883; Arabella Watkins does not appear in census records after 1870 (Howard County Land Records Liber LJW 46/Folio 107; U.S. Census var.).

Even though Kate Watkins' name is associated with subject property, research suggests she did not own or live on the property. A review of land records did not yield a deed between Arabella Watkins and Kate Watkins. The 1880 census records Kate Watkins residing south of the subject property, likely in the location depicted as "residence" on the 1878 Hopkins atlas. Kate Watkins does not appear in census records after 1880. The relationship between Arabella and Thomas Watkins and Kate Watkins is unclear.

Historic Context: Agricultural Practices in Howard County during the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries

Howard County quickly recovered from the Civil War due to its strong agricultural and industrial base. Agriculture remained the dominant economic focus of Howard County as it entered the twentieth century. Consistent with other areas of Piedmont Maryland, dairy farming increased between 1900 and 1920 (Wesler et al. 1981:157). The continued growth of the railroad enabled formerly isolated farmsteads to transport milk and other perishable products to urban markets.

By the mid twentieth century, more than 75 per cent of county land was slated for residential use, while agricultural use accounted for only 13.1 per cent of assessed land (Industrial Relations 1961). Today, 37,582 acres of Howard County land are farmland (Howard County Economic Development Authority n.d.). The county has 346 farms, with farm size averaging 109 acres (Howard County Economic Development Authority n.d.).

Nineteenth Century Vernacular Domestic Architecture

The MIHP form completed for the property in 1978 suggests the dwelling was constructed of log ca. 1840. Visual observation was unable to confirm log construction. Sections of the dwelling that were visible from the adjacent Hoddinott property did not have deep window reveals, a construction characteristic that would be an indicator of log construction. In addition, observation noted several changes, including the replacement of all the windows and modifications to the north and south elevations, since the 1978 MHIP inventory form was completed. These alterations and a lack of site access impeded the accurate assessment of construction characteristics; consequently, an architectural context could not be developed for the property.

Evaluation

The property was evaluated applying the National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36.4 CFR [a-d]). The property functioned as a farm during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries (Criterion A). The 1978 MIHP form identified three buildings, a "barn (1926), as well as an early shed and spring house," that no longer appear extant or have been altered. The vast majority of the extant buildings associated with the farm date to the late twentieth century, and therefore are not associated with the nineteenth-century dwelling or a nineteenth-century farm.

Research to date has not identified persons significant in the past (Criterion B). Although the property was owned by members of the locally prominent Watkins and Welling families, research suggests the Watkins did not live at the property located at 6300 Guilford Road. Research has not identified other people important to the past associated with the subject property.

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The previously completed MIHP form dates the dwelling to ca. 1840; however, archival research indicates a ca. 1870 construction date. The dwelling has undergone numerous alterations over time. These alterations include the replacement of the windows, enclosure and modification to the addition on the north elevation, and the construction of an addition and porch on the south elevation. The dwelling no longer retains the integrity necessary to embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or to represent a late nineteenth century dwelling (Criterion C). In addition, visual observation suggests that the agricultural outbuildings mentioned in the 1978 MIHP form are no longer extant or have been modified. The majority of outbuildings that comprise the agricultural complex appear to date to the late twentieth century. The property was not evaluated for its potential to yield information important to prehistory or history (Criterion D). The property does not appear to possess those qualities of significance and integrity to merit consideration for the National Register of Historic Places.

This Determination of Eligibility was completed at the request of the Maryland Historical Trust in conjunction with its review of the planned development of an adjacent property. While the proposed development is adjacent to Cricket Creek Farm, it will not encroach on the Cricket Creek Farm property.

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Photo Log

Photos taken by: Kay Dixon

Photo taken: August 2008

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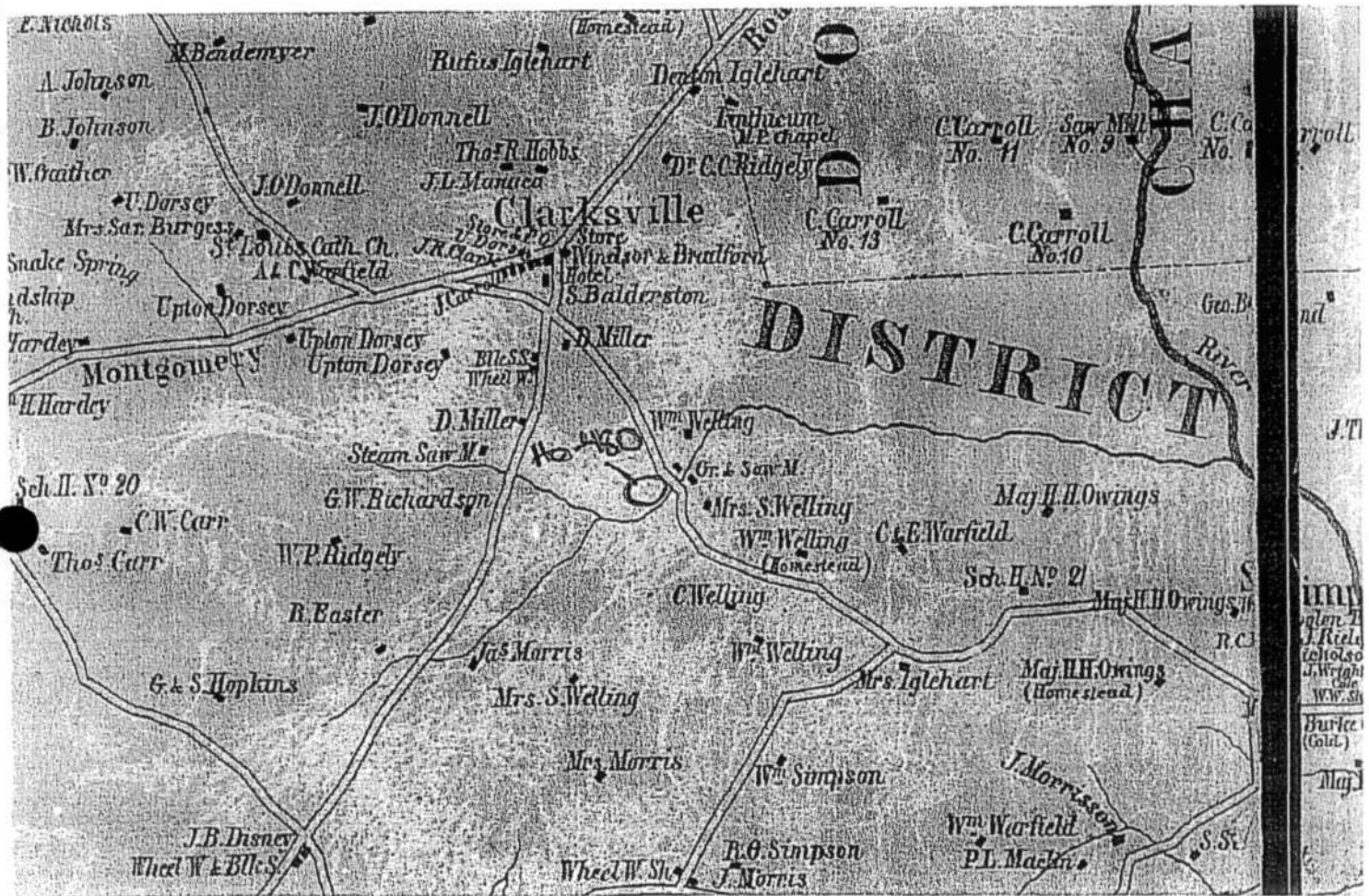
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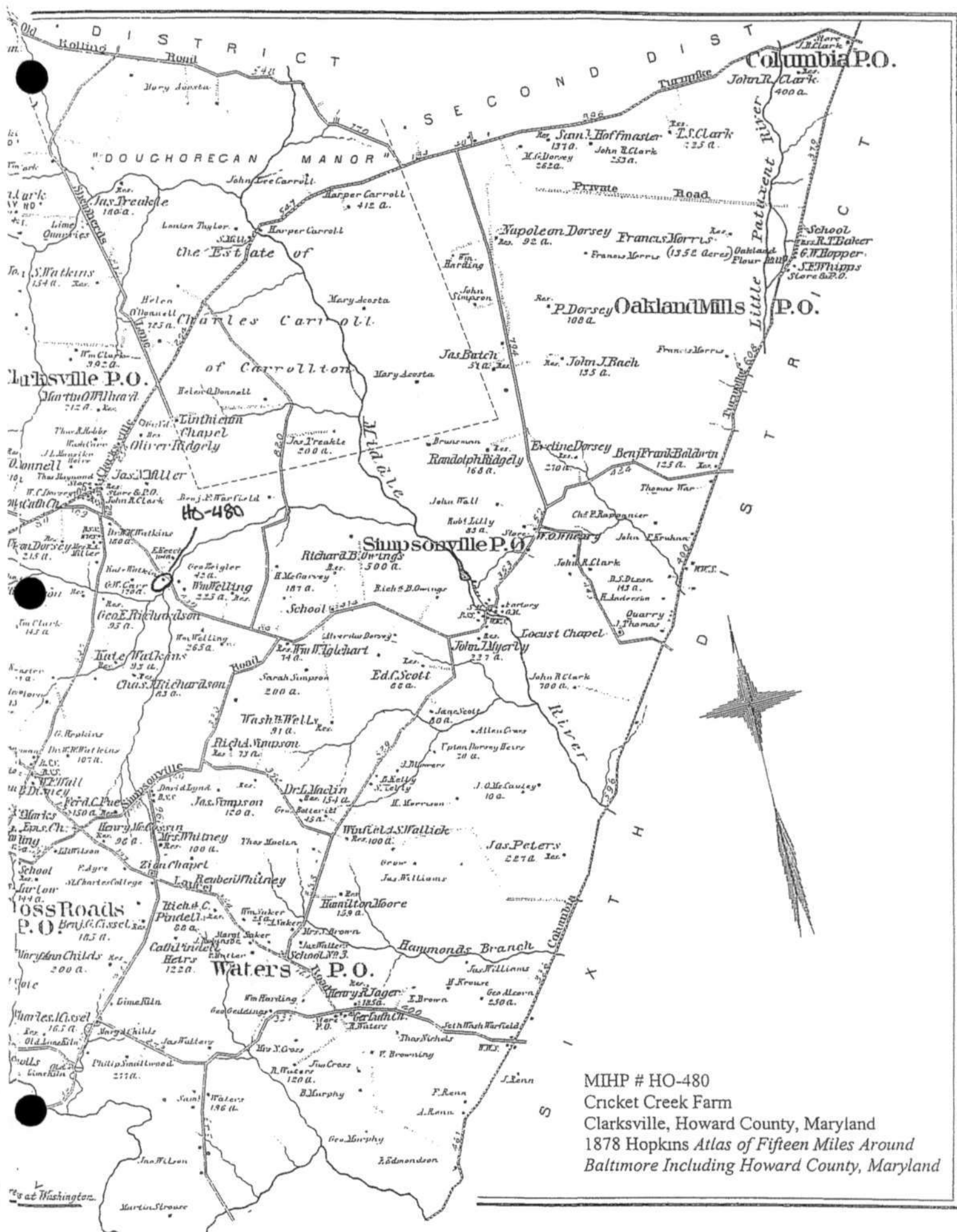
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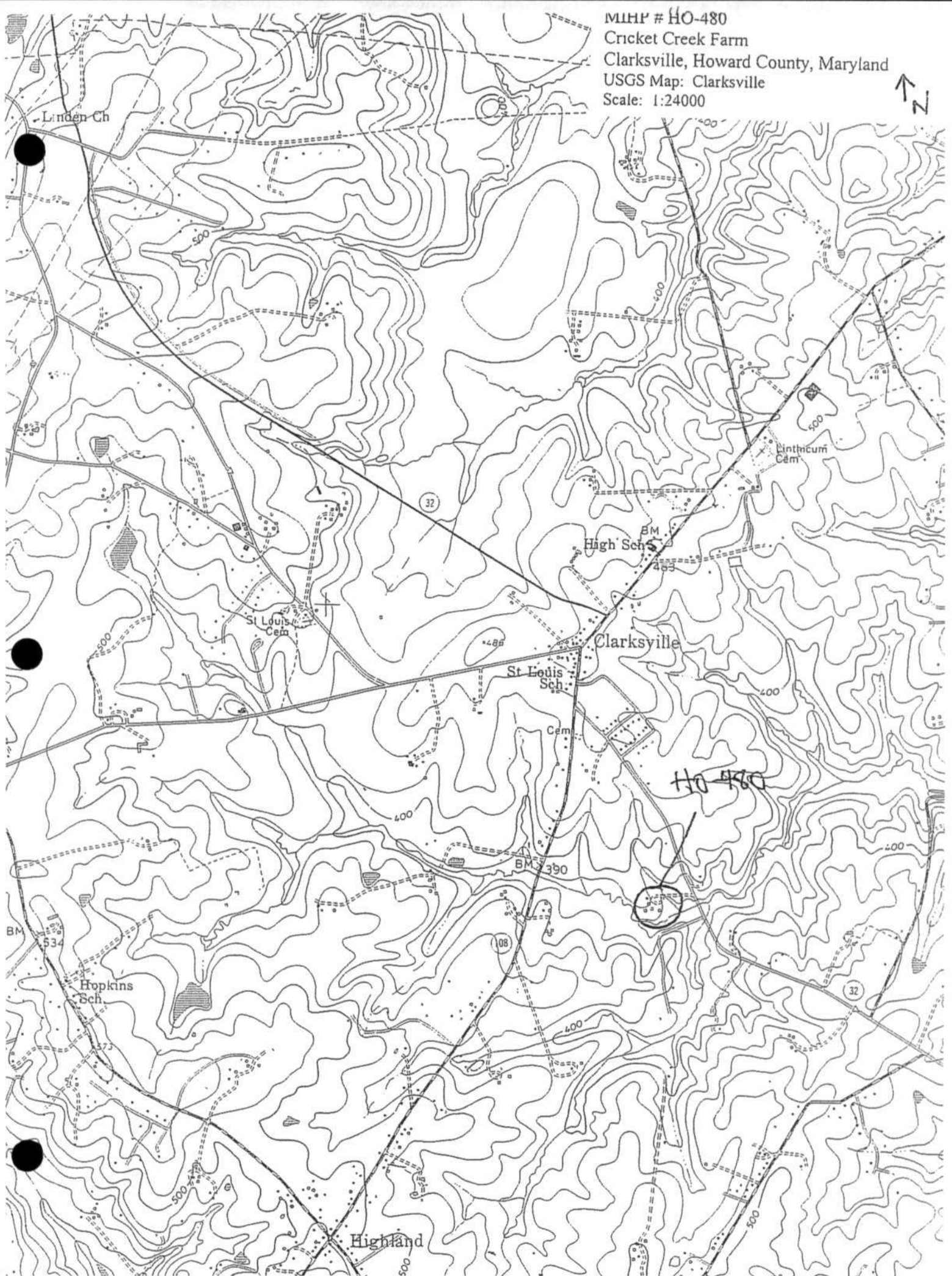
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Cricket Creek Farm
Clarksville, Howard County, Maryland
1860 Marenet's Map of Howard County





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 Baltimore Including Howard County, Maryland

MIHP # HO-480
Cricket Creek Farm
Clarksville, Howard County, Maryland
USGS Map: Clarksville
Scale: 1:24000





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Cricket Creek Farm

Howard County, MD

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Dwelling, east elevation



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Dwelling, West elevation



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Dwelling, north elevation



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Large metal building and cornerib, north elevation



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Barn, north and east elevations





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Corn crib, north and east elevations





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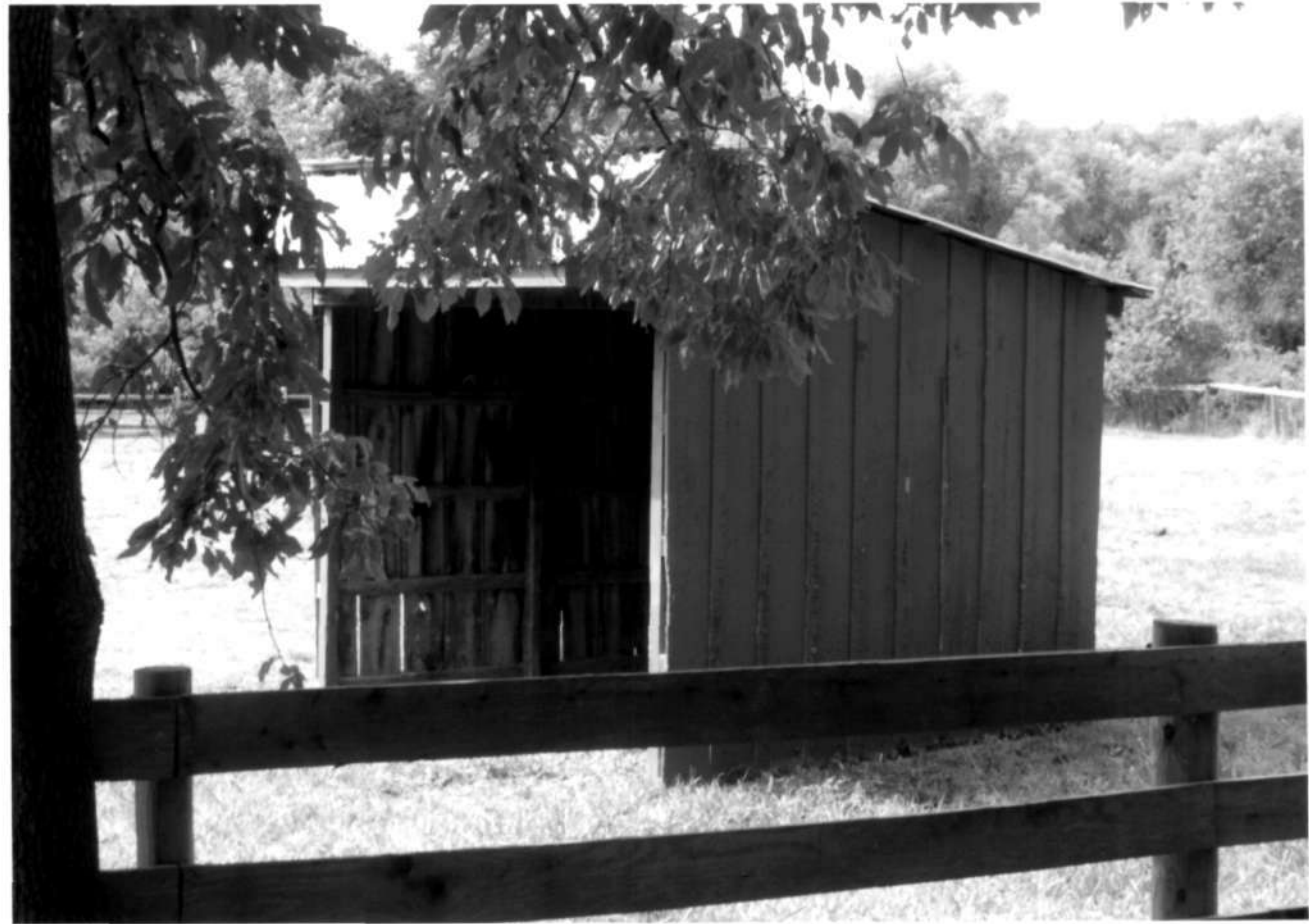
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Equipment Storage building/garage, east elevation



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Small animal shelter, northeast corner



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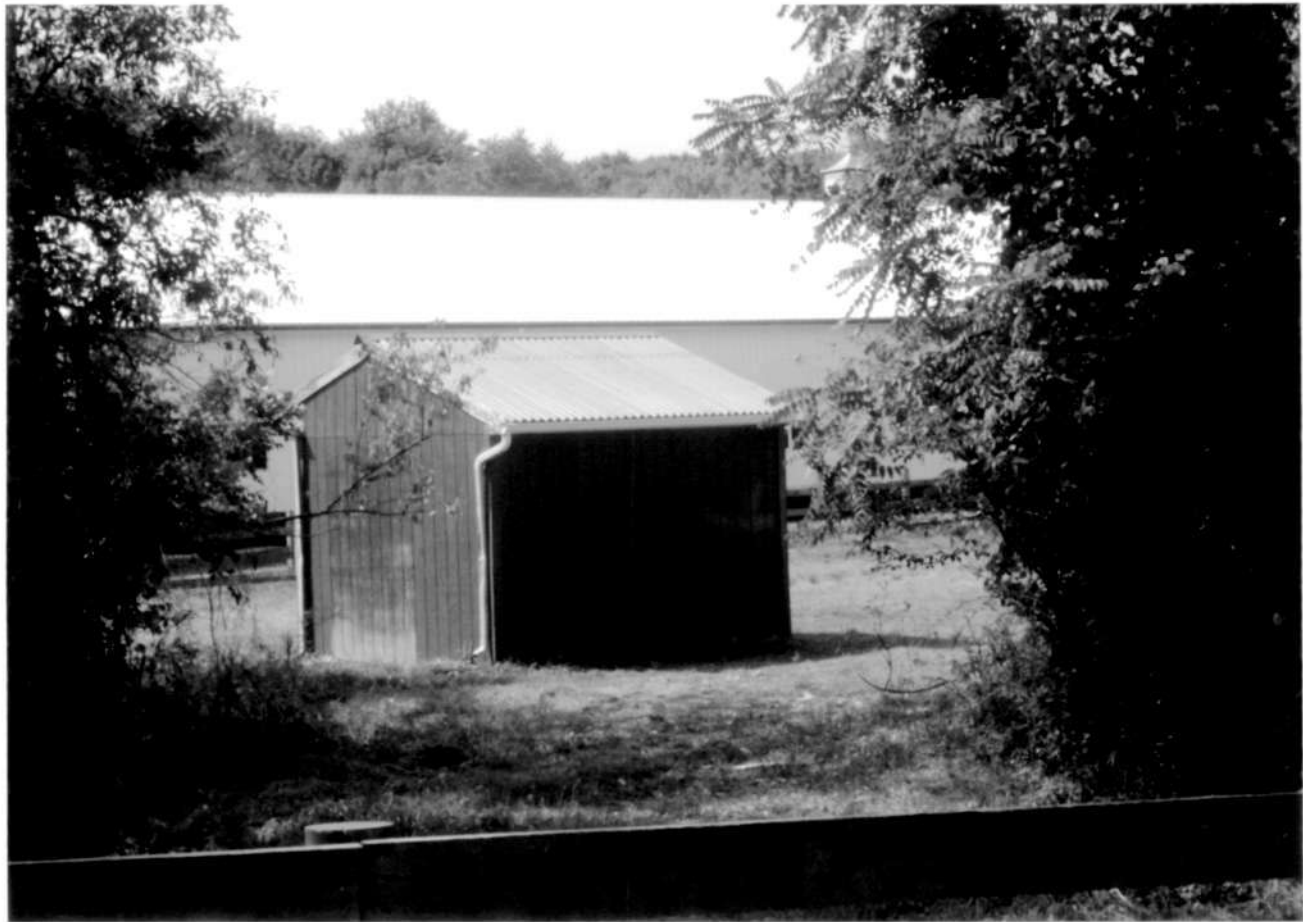
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Large animal shelter, east elevation



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Small wood-frame building, north and east elevations



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Large wood-frame building



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Animal shelter, north elevation

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Cricket Creek Farm circa 1840

Clarksville

Private

Cricket Creek Farm faces south on the west side of Route 32, just north of Cricket Creek. It is a two story high, three bay wide, one room deep, gabled roof (running east-west) log house covered with square cut shingles with square brick chimney inset into its east wall and another wider chimney inset into the interior dividing wall of the original log house, consisting of the west and central bay of the house.

This century old log house was once connected to the holdings of the Welling and Watkins' families, who settled on sections of White Wine and Claret. It's surrounding acreage and barns are now utilized for the operation of the Cricket Creek Horse Farm, under the management of its owners, Mr. and Mrs. Ballenger.

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Dist. 5

MAGI #1404805435

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Cricket Creek Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Cricket Creek Farm Rt. 32 (Guilford Road)

CITY, TOWN

6th

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Clarksville

VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

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4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ballenger, Jr.

Telephone #: 596-4182

STREET & NUMBER

Cricket Creek Farm

CITY, TOWN

Clarksville, MD

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE. Tax Map 34, p.89
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records

Liber #: 725

Folio #: 556

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Cricket Creek Farm is located on the west side of Route 32, just north of Cricket Creek. It is a three bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) log and shingled house with wide brick central chimney and additions on its east and north walls.

The east addition is a mid to late nineteenth century, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) log structure extending from the east wall of the original four room house, both sections of which are laid on a stone foundation with wide log supporting beams holding wide, random width floor boards which have been covered by recent narrow hardwood floors.

Rectangular entrances are located on the north and south elevations of the house. See Figure 1, first floor plan. Fenestration for the house is vertically aligned and proportionally scaled, featuring first floor double hung windows with six-over-six lights in the original log house and six-over-three light second floor windows. The later nineteenth century addition features two-over-two light first floor windows and similar six-over-three light second floor windows.

The original log house held two first floor rooms divided by a wide brick chimney, with two rooms above and a small, narrow staircase ascending to the rooms above in the southwest corner of the present kitchen. A batten wood door serves as an entrance to the staircase. A small one story high kitchen pantry is located along the kitchen's north wall with a six-over-six light window in its west wall.

Woodwork throughout the log house is unmitred, simple post and lintel construction. The mantle piece in the living room is also simple in design.

Sometime in the late nineteenth century the additional first floor living room with bedroom above was constructed off the east wall of the log house. It features two-over-two light windows, mitred, fluted pilastered woodwork and a staircase in the north west corner of the living room. This staircase also has a batten wood door, though it is a bit wider than that in the kitchen.

In 1925 the bathroom was added. The first and second floor double windows on the south wall of the addition may have been installed at this time, as well as a second floor closet in the southwest corner.

A later twentieth century, one story high, shed roofed addition is located off the north wall of the early log house's living room. It holds large one-one light windows in its north and east walls. A one story high, shed roofed open porch runs along the remainder of the building's north elevation, or along the present living room's north wall. Its east wall holds a square brick chimney to which originally a stove was attached. Two-over-two light, first floor, rectangular windows rest on each side of it, with no second floor windows on this elevation. Southwest of the log house is a covered stone well and still further south and west auxiliary frame buildings.

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Continued, Description sheet

A large 1922 barn is located woutheast of the house. The boards of which it is constructed came from the old saw mill once located east of the property.

On the south side of the road which leads from Route 32 to the house is located an old gabled roof spring house with west door.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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SPECIFIC DATES Circa 1840

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Cricket Creek Farm is significant architecturally and historically. Historically it is connected with the Welling and Watkins' families of Clarksville, who played such a prominent role in the establishment of Howard County. Arabella Catharine Welling Watkins was the only daughter of Mr. William Welling and the wife of Thomas G. Watkins, the son of W. W. Watkins, the first Clerk of the Court for Howard County. The house was probably a tenant house for the larger holdings and houses owned by these families.

On May 4, 1870 Arabella and Thomas Watkins conveyed certain lots or parcels, originally containing 180 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres to his father W. W. Watkins. The 1878 Hopkins Atlas notes a property of a 180 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres on this site, with a building belonging to Katie Watkins noted in the vicinity of the present building, which is located just north of Cricket Creek.

On February 27, 1883 Arabella Watkins conveyed this farm to Bridget and Michael H. Cooney. The farm at that time consisted of 123 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres. (46-106) Michael Cooney, after the death of his wife Bridget, conveyed the farm to Charles Cooney on December 30, 1911 (WWLC 92-249)

It passed through several owners, James and Ada Clark, Norman and Margaret Howard, Arthur K. Pickett, Harold and Ruth Benson, Milton Henkel and Claude and Gertrude Kruhm to its present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Ballenger who have named it Cricket Creek Farm.

Architecturally it is a fine old log house and reputed to have been built circa 1840.

Supporting beams under the first floor are of log. Staircases are narrow and enclosed, with batten wood entrance doors. The original house is said to have been constructed by a man six foot tall who had three sons.

The west side of the house consists of two first and two second floor rooms with central brick fireplace inset into its dividing wall. Unmitred wood work in this section of the house supports an early construction date coupled with the small scale of the second floor rooms, which feature three-over-three double-hung windows. The second floor east room has been divided in half to provide a bath and smaller bedroom.

The present building is covered with square cut shingles and is in excellent condition. An additional one story high, shed roofed addition and open porch run along the north elevation of the house, whose interior scale and fenestration as well as its log construction make it one of Howard Counties most delightful buildings.

Any future realignment of Route 32 should insure the integrity of this building and its site, which is presently used as a horse farm. Its

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inclusion to the National Register of Historic Sites as well as the State
Cultural Area Program is recommended to insure its continued preservation.
Not only the house, but the interesting assemblage of outbuildings should
be included in such a recommendation. The barn (1926), as well as an early
shed and spring house are notable in this respect.

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Interview with Mrs. John Ballerger at Cricket Creek Farm, July 13, 1978.
Hopkins Atlas of 1878.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 24.46 Acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 34.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 725, folio 556

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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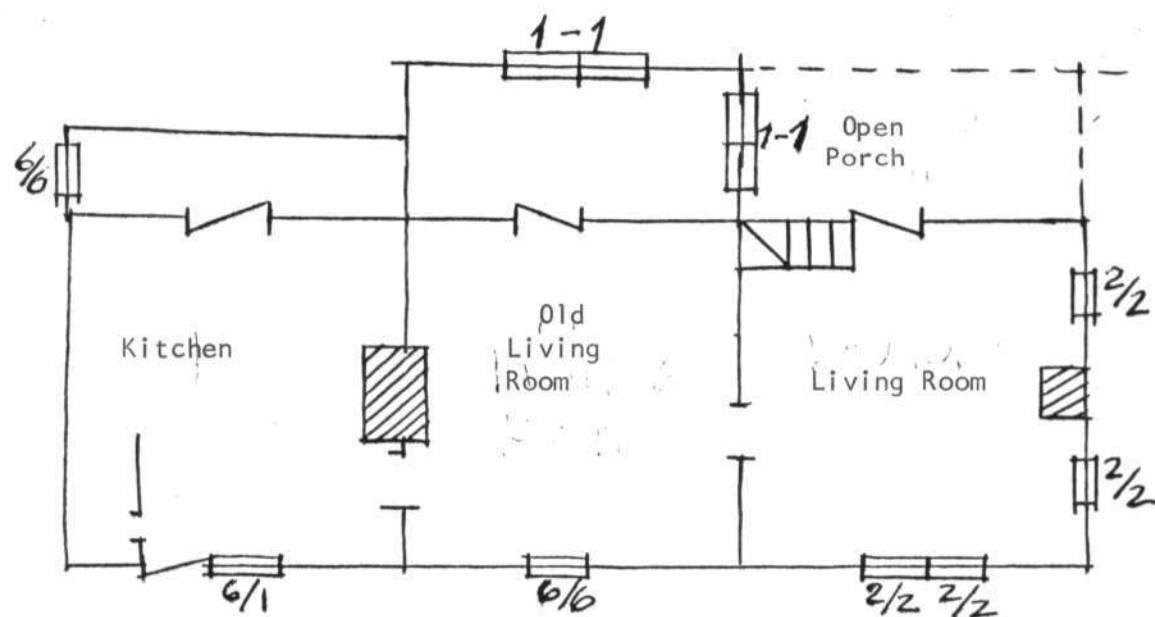


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Cricket Creek Farm
First Floor Plan

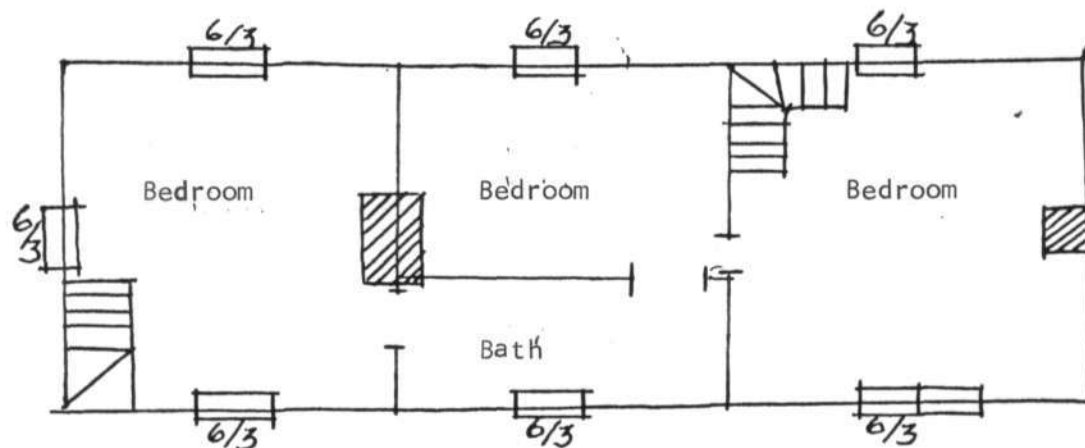
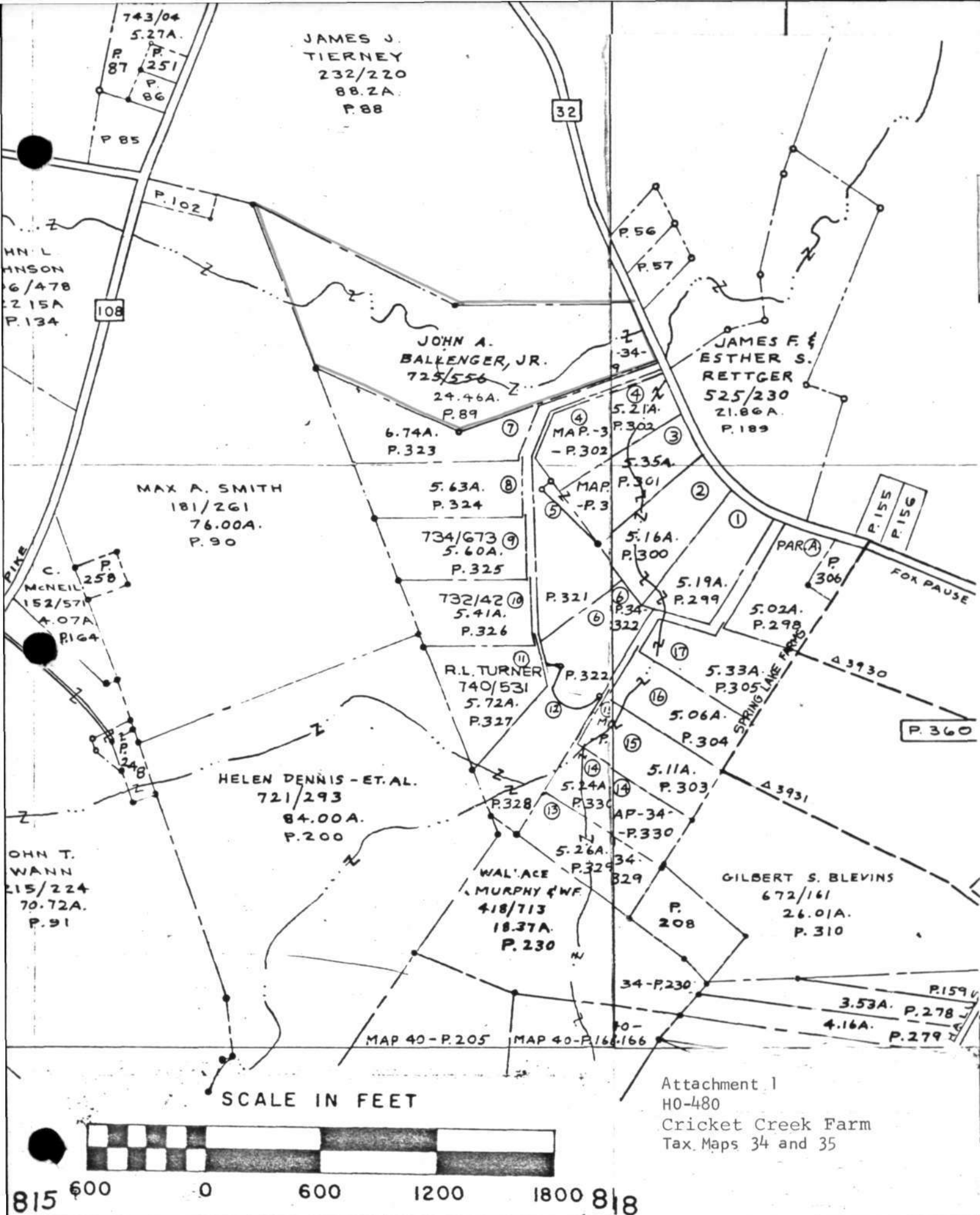


Figure 2
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Cricket Creek Farm
Second Floor Plan



Attachment 1
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Cricket Creek Farm
Tax Maps 34 and 35

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Attachment 2
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Topographic map of Howard County
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